

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested.

Although this application now stands under Final Action, claims 18-22 have been indicated as allowed. All other claims that were pending, as of the date of this Final Action, have been canceled. This includes claims 1-17 and 23.

In the Final Action, claims 6-9 were indicated as being "objected to". Although claim 6 depends from the chain of claims 1-5, claim 18, as previously presented, included a combination of claims 1 and 6. Claim 18 has been allowed. Accordingly, the Applicant is entitled to three dependent claims based on claims 7, 8 and 9 wherein the dependency chain includes claims 1 and 6. Since this claim combination is allowed claim 18, new claims 24-26 are based on independent claim 18 and include the dependent elements of claims 7-9. While these are not technically new claims in the sense of allowed or allowable subject matter, the foregoing explanation would seem to be helpful so that these three dependent claims could be allowed and included as part of the patent to be issued.

In view of the claim status from the Final Action, the claim cancellations, and the claim dependencies represented by new claims 24-26, claims 18-22 and 24-26 are all in condition for allowance and such action by the Examiner is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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